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## **Senator Feyen Statement on Special Session**

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MADISON, WI – Today, after the beginning of the special session on the use of force by law enforcement, Senator Feyen released the following statement:

"Though Governor Evers called a special session, I feel the Legislature is wise to not instantaneously approve unvetted bills with unknown consequences. Our government is structured with separation of powers to ensure due diligence in law making. Passing nine bills that would substantially change the way public safety systems in Wisconsin operate without a public hearing or executive session would cut the public and key stakeholders out of the law making process and be an irresponsible dereliction of our duty to craft effective, inclusive public policy," said Senator Feyen.

"I look forward to continuing the conversation about police reform with the Governor and stakeholders through the avenue of the regular legislative process where all sides can be heard and proper vetting can be accomplished. I am supportive of all men and women in uniform who do the challenging job of keeping our communities safe. I feel we need to ensure they have an opportunity to weigh in on any legislation that would affect their occupation as they are most familiar with the day to day realities of their job. Additionally, I plan to take time in the coming days to hear from my constituents about the effect these bills would have on people and public safety in the 18<sup>th</sup> Senate District."

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